



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

Third Meeting of APIRG Infrastructure and Information Management Sub Group (IIM/SG/3)
(Virtual Meeting, 12-14 October 2020)

Agenda Item 4: Status of implementation of the AFI IIM regional projects (MET2)

MET Project 2: Implementation of Terminal Area Warnings and Forecasts, Provision of WAFS Forecasts and Optimisation of OPMET data exchanges

(Presented by Senegal)

Table with 1 column and 4 rows. Row 1: SUMMARY. Row 2: This paper presents the status of implementation of the deliverables related to the APIIRG IIM Sub Group MET, Project 2. Row 3: Action by the meeting is in paragraph 3. Row 4: REFERENCE(S): Doc 9750, Global Air Navigation Plan; Electronic Air Navigation Plan— Africa-Indian Ocean Region (eANP- AFI); APIRG Procedural Handbook. Row 5: Related ICAO Strategic Objective (s): A – Aviation Safety, B – Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency. Row 6: Related ASBU KPIs & B0/1 Modules: Related ASBU KPIs & AMET B0 and B1 Modules: Applicable to MET

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 During the second meeting of the APIRG Information and Infrastructure Management Sub-Group (IIM/SG2) meeting held in Dakar, Senegal from 09-11 July 2018, the status of implementation of activities under MET Project 2 was not addressed. This was because Senegal was yet to appoint a Project Team Coordinator (PTC) for the Project. In early 2020, Senegal appointed two experts to coordinate the work of MET Project 2. These were Mr. Niokhor Diouf and Abdoul Aziz Diop.

2. DISCUSSION

Main discussions and outcomes of MET Project II meetings and activities

2.1 The IIM/SG MET Project 2 conducted three meetings between April and August 2020. The meetings were conducted every second month.

2.2 The Project Terms and Reference document was tabled before the Team Members. Inputs provided were consolidated by the expert from Botswana and the draft ToR are attached to this WP04C for the meeting's consideration.



- 2.3 Since there was no report for the Project in the IIM/SG2 meeting, the project also discussed the development of a questionnaire as a gap analysis of the deficiencies that may be existing in the States. This was put on hold pending the developments within the Secretariat on the minimum requirements for air navigation deficiencies.
- 2.4 The Project also reviewed the Project Deliverables (Appendix B). The dates for the implementation of the tasks / deliverables were presented, taking into account the period of the meeting cycle of APIRG, Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP), amendments to Annex 3 and the Regional requirements in the AFI eANP. The deliverables and tasks were updated and are contained in Appendix B for the meeting's consideration.
- 2.5 MET Project 2 also ensured that the project deliverable and tasks included the tasks related to the elements of AMET B1 ASBU. The team will review the tasks of AMET B1 and at the same time review the state of implementation of AMET B0 among AFI States to ensure safe and efficient navigation services. States identified as not meeting the elements of AMET B0 will be identified and an action plan to assist them will be developed accordingly.

Challenges

- 2.6 Initially there was a concern regarding the lack of participation by most experts. This slightly improved during the second meeting but it still remains a challenge.
- 2.7 During the first two meetings, the Project faced challenges related to the language of communication (English-French). There were no interpretation services and it was very difficult for the smooth flow of the meeting. During the second meeting, the expert from Niger volunteered to provide interpretation services and the Secretariat provided interpreters during the last meeting in August. However, we foresee the continuation of this problem as this was done on a once-off basis. Senegal, as the PTC provider State has volunteered to provide one Team Member who will be responsible for interpretation. This Team Member will also assist MET Project 1 as they are facing the same problem.
- 2.8 The other challenge faced was the availability of the online platform that all Members could use. MS Teams proved to be a challenge so the Project resolved to using the GoToMeeting or Zoom platforms.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to:
 - a) note the information in this paper;
 - b) encourage the participation of experts nominated by their States under MET Project;
 - c) request the States to appoint new experts where there is lack of participation from the nominated ones;
 - d) request States interested in the activities of MET Project 2 to appoint experts to participate in the Project; and
 - e) review and adopt the draft ToR (Appendix A) and Project deliverables (Appendix B).
- 3.2 **Draft Conclusion/Decision 3/xx: Adoption of the MET Project 2 Terms of Reference and the Project deliverables for 2021-2022**

That;

- a) **APIRG IIM/SG/3 considers and adopts the proposed Terms of References and its associated project deliverables as contained in Appendices A and B.**

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